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CLAIMS

1. A transparent liquid soap composition comprising:

5 to 25% by weight of soap,

5 2 to 20% by weight humectants,

balance water;

wherein the soap comprises 0.05 to 4 % by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid, or the derivatives thereof.

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2. The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the soap comprises alkali metal salts of C₈ to C₂₂ fatty acids.

15 3. The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the soap is present in 14 to 22% by weight of the composition.

20 4. The transparent liquid soap of any preceding claim wherein the soap comprises 0.1 to 3% by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid or the derivatives thereof.

25 5. The transparent liquid soap of any preceding claim wherein the humectant is selected from polyhydric alcohols, including glycerol, sorbitol, polyethylene glycols, propylene glycols and mixtures thereof.

30 6. The transparent liquid soap of claim 5 wherein the polyhydric alcohol is glycerol.

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7. The transparent liquid soap of any preceding claim wherein the humectant is present in 5 to 15% by weight of the composition.

5 8. The transparent liquid soap of any preceding claim further comprising not more than 20 % by weight of a non-soap detergent active.

9. A process for preparing the transparent soap
10 composition of any preceding claim comprising mixing
(i) the total amount of salts of fatty acids including
those prepared from castor oil or ricinoleic acid or their
derivatives;
(ii) water; and
15 (iv) the humectants.

10. The process of claim 9 further comprising the step of adding to the above mixture suitable non-soap detergent actives.